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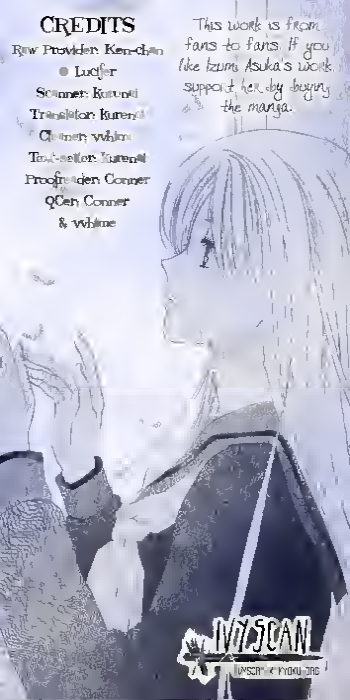

A MYSTERIOUS WINTER ROMANCE
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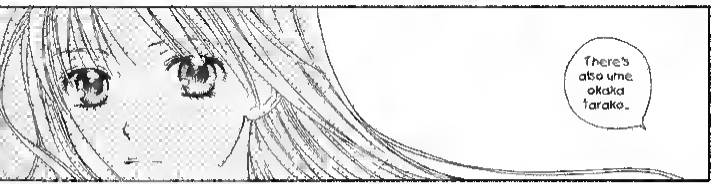
SHIZUKU
SNOW-MELTING FEVER
I WON'T FALL IN LOVE— BECAUSE I'M A SNOW MAIDEN.
IZUMI ASUKA
和泉明日香
The popular HC Tokage Ojji is now on sale!!

THE FIRST TIME I SAW HER,
SCHOOL WAS OVER,
AND IT WAS SNOWING

PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!
I LIKE YOU!
I CHASED AFTER HER ON THE SPOT AND PROCESSED MY LOVE.
YOU WERE IN THE HALL-WAY
YES!
I'M SATOMI TAKAHARU FROM 1-C! Umm.
I'M SORRY..

BUT I CAN'T FALL IN LOVE.
I'M A SNOW MAIDEN, YOU SEE.
I DON'T MIND IF YOU'RE A SNOW MAIDEN OR WHATEVER.
OTHERWISE I WOULDN'T HAVE CONFESSED RIGHT AFTER FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU AT FIRST SIGHT
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.
THAT'S WHY.
IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME AT ALL!
THAT'S OK!
BO——OM
I'm ready for anything!
Uh

MIFUYU-SAN!
WHAT ARE YOU HAVING FOR LUNCH? WOULD YOU LIKE SOME OF MY ONIGIRI?
WHOA! THAT WAS FRANK!
MAY I KNOW YOUR NAME?
Pretty please?
TAP TAP TAP
Eh?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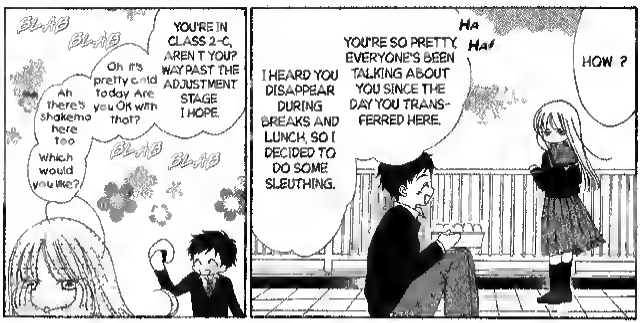

BLAH
BLAH
YOU'RE IN CLASS 2-C, AREN'T YOU? WAY PAST THE ADJUSTMENT STAGE I HOPE.
Oh it's pretty cold today. Are you OK with that?
Ah there's shakemo here too
Which would you like?
BLAH
BLAH
HOW ?
HA HA!
YOU'RE SO PRETTY EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT YOU SINCE THE DAY YOU TRANSFERRED HERE.
I HEARD YOU DISAPPEAR DURING BREAKS AND LUNCH, SO I DECIDED TO DO SOME SLEUTHING.

IGNORE

I'M DOING ALL THE TALKING, BUT IT'S STILL FUN.
HA HA HA HA HA!
ISN'T THAT AMAZING, MIFUYU-SAN?
.....
IS THE LACK OF RESPONSE PART OF THE SNOW MAIDEN PACKAGE?
.....
WHY CAN'T A SNOW MAIDEN FALL IN LOVE?
BECAUSE SHE'S COMPLETELY FROZEN.
EVEN HER HEART.
.....
PIECE OF CAKE!

Aagh!
BUT WHAT IF YOU TOTALLY MELTED MIFUYU-SAN?
THAT WOULDN'T DO! THAT WOULDN'T DO AT ALL!!
.....
Shock
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS MELT IT.
.AND EVERYTHING WILL TURN OUT RIGHT.
Smile
MIFUYU-SAN!
AFTER SCHOOL ON THE ROOFTOP
MIFUYU-SAN!
DURING BREAKS IN THE LIBRARY
MIFUYU-SAN!
SINCE THEN...
BEFORE CLASS BEHIND THE SCHOOL
.....
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
COME TO THINK OF IT YOU'RE ALWAYS HANGING OUT ON THE ROOFTOP MIFUYU-SAN.
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU MAKING A FACE?
I get kinda shy when you look at me like that!!
IS HE A DOG?

I WISH IT WERE SNOWING.
THE SKY.
SINCE THIS IS THE COUNTRYSIDE, THERE'S NOT MUCH TO SEE BESIDES THE MOUNTAINS AND THE RICE FIELDS!
AH HA HA HA!
I SEE, THE SKY...
Eh?
GASP
DID WE JUST HAVE A CONVERSATION?!
Been awhile!
Si——lence
THAT MUST BE IT!
But so much snow makes it hard to doodle on it!
Ooh!
SNOW MAIDENS AND SNOW ARE INSEPARABLE, AREN'T THEY?

rustle
Um...
A BALL?
EXCUSE ME, CAN I HAVE THE—?
rustle
ROLL ROLL
Oh!
MIFUYU-SAN!
.....
Since elementary school!
YEAH, I'M A MEMBER OF THE BASEBALL CLUB!
THAT GETUP...
AH HA HA HA!
BUT TODAY MUST BE MY LUCKY DAY!
WRITTEN IN THE STARS PROBABLY
You noticed didn't you?
.....
AW, JUST AN "I SEE"? ANYWAY I CAN'T SEE YOU AS OFTEN BECAUSE OF PRACTICE AND STUFF!
I SEE

Ah Ha Ha Ha!
OF COURSE YOU WOULDN'T!
.....
Ah!
WE HAVE A PRACTICE GAME THIS SATURDAY I MIGHT EVEN GET TO PLAY
WOULD YOU LIKE TO—?
Hmm?
AT FIRST IT WAS YOUR FACE, THEN...
OH, SURE, WHAT IS IT?!
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU.
WHAT DO YOU SEE IN ME?
IT WAS THE LADY NEXT DOOR. I WAS STILL IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THEN
SHE WAS A SINGLE MOTHER!
.....
BUT...
Ah!
YOU LOOK LIKE MY FIRST LOVE!

...YOU ALWAYS HAVE THAT WISTFUL LOOK.
COULDN'T GET IT OUT OF MY MIND.
So I started hanging around you.
HEY, SATOMI! YOU STILL THERE?
Oh! I'M COMING! LATER, MIFUYU-SAN!
.....
.....
FREAK...
?
I WONDER WHAT MIFUYU-SAN'S—

WHOA..
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?
They don't look too friendly...
SHOVE
WHA—
H-
HEY!
...!
SCRAMBLE
M-MIFUYU-SAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M FINE.

What I Like to Have in Winter

Although I have hot tea throughout the year, it's the best thing to drink in winter.

Sometimes, I have plain hot tea. Other times, I put milk, sugar, lemon, or even jam in the tea.

It's fun experimenting with different flavors and ways of making tea. It's simply delicious.

Izumi Asuka

MIFUYU-SAN...
TAP
TAP
TAP
I WANT .
. . TO GET TO KNOW YOU.

SEND YOUR LETTERS!
I went back to my hometown after such a long time. My grandmother who just turned 98, eats even more than I do. I hope she lives for many years to come!
ADDRESS THEM TO:
Izumi Asuka Lala DX Editorial Dept. Hakusensha. 2-2-2. Kanda Awaji cho. Chiyoda-ku. Tokyo 101-0063.
SATURDAY
stop
Dejected
THAT'S RIGHT! WE LOST BADLY BECAUSE OF MY STUPID MISTAKES!!!
WHOARGH!
MIFUYU-SAN, YOU SAW IT DIDN'T YOU?
YEAH
YOU—

IT'S NOT THAT I EXPECTED TOTAL VICTORY OR ANYTHING,
SWAY
SWAY
BUT LOSING BIG TIME NEVER EVEN OCCURRED TO ME!
Ha Ha...
SNATCH
!
HOLD ON, MIFUYU-S—
slap
slap
Ow!
slap
SNATCH

YOU WEREN'T ACTING LIKE YOURSELF, AND IT GOT ON MY NERVES
Um
I feel down enough without you!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Those...
NOTHING REALLY
WERE YOU TRYING TO COMFORT ME?
!
OF... OF COURSE NOT! I WAS ONLY—
!

BUT I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER NOW!
I'm sorry for going overboard
POW
YANK
...!!
COME ON! JUST A BIT MORE?
THANK YOU
SURE.

I'LL MAKE SURE WE WIN NEXT TIME. I PROMISE!
GRIP
I WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU I REALLY DO
Ding Dong
MI—
BECAUSE I'VE FALLEN MORE AND MORE IN LOVE WITH YOU

WHOA!!
WHOA!
WHO IS SHE WITH?
He's no student
SL!!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO TO HER?
HEY!
SATOMI-K—
...!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DID THAT MAN—
IT'S NOTHING REALLY.

OF COURSE IT'S MY BUSINESS.
IF HE S THE REASON YOU HAVE THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE,
IT'S VERY MUCH MY BUSINESS
IT'S...
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
BECAUSE THINGS LOOK BLEAK FOR ME IF YOU STAY A SNOW MAIDEN.
I WANT YOU
TO LIKE ME BACK
I WANT TO MELT YOUR ICY EXTERIOR

I'M NOT JUST INFATUATED WITH YOU
I'M TRULY IN L—
MUFFLE
Mmff?!
MI—
THE ICE WON'T MELT. I WON'T FALL IN LOVE.
I DON'T WANT TO.
DON'T SAY IT!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT!

DON'T COME NEAR ME AGAIN
.....
RE-
JECTED
W-wah!
SHE DID TURN ME DOWN...
BUT IT WAS A LOST CAUSE TO BEGIN WITH!
AH HA HA HA HA!

SHE WAS...
BUT YESTERDAY
WAS DIFFERENT
...CRYING
DON'T COME NEAR ME.
AND TO TOP IT OFF...
SIGH...
IT'S PROBABLY MY FAULT SHE CRIED
BUT SAYING THAT NOW...
IS KIND OF POINTLESS
YOU MIGHT GET ANGRY OR EVEN FEEL REPULSED

I NEED TO KNOW
...BUT...
IT'S NOT JUST INFATUATION ANYMORE
MIFUYU-SAN, I WANT TO KNOW THE WHOLE STORY!
BUT,
SATOMI-KUN DIDN'T I—?
YOU'RE PROBABLY MAD AT ME BUT...
.....

VERY WELL.
I'LL TELL YOU.
...EVERY-THING YOU WANT TO KNOW.
HE'S MY EX.
Huh?
THE MAN WHO CAME YESTER-DAY...
IS MY EX-BOYFRIEND
WHOA!
WH-WH-WHOA?!
HE WAS MY HOMEROOM TEACHER AT MY OLD SCHOOL.
WE STARTED GOING OUT LAST SPRING AND BROKE UP RIGHT BEFORE FALL.
Uhmm

HE WAS ALREADY ENGAGED
HE KEPT IT A SECRET, BUT I HAPPENED TO MEET HIS FIANCÉE IN FRONT OF HIS APARTMENT
WHAT DO YOU THINK HE SAID TO ME?
HE BLAMED ME FOR SEDUCING HIM
AND THEN...
YOU B****!!
I RECEIVED
THIS INJURY BACK THEN

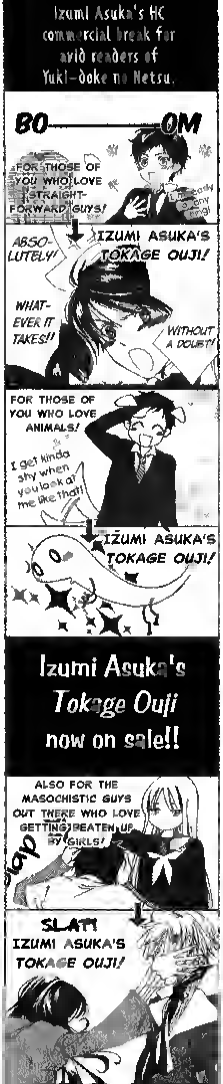
LOVE HURTS NOT ONLY YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONE, BUT OTHER PEOPLE TOO.
THAT AND HER CRAZED LOOK IT MADE ME THINK.
WHENEVER I SEE THIS SC...R, I RECALL HIS FRIGHTENED EXPRESSION.
THAT'S ALL I COULD THINK.
THIS SCAR...
...FROZE ME COMPLETELY

DO YOU GET IT NOW? WHY—
MIFUYU-SAN!
MIFUYU-SAN
DO YOU HATE ME?
_I DO.
DON'T SAY IT WITH THAT LOOK!
YOU CAN'T! NOT WITHOUT HESITATION!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU? I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT YOU!
AARGH!
MAAAAAAAAN!!!

IF THAT SCAR...
SCARES YOU
LET—
LET GO!
grab
!
MIFUYU-SAN...

MI-K—
WILL IT BE ME IF I DO THIS?
THIS WILL PROBABLY EMBARRASS OR ANGER YOU,
BUT CAN YOU THINK OF ME EVERY TIME YOU LOOK AT THIS SCAR?

I... DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT IT, BUT I'LL TRY MY BEST.
I'M GOING.
TO MELT THE ICE FOR SURE.
LET ME TELL YOU, MIFUYU-SAN
YOU'RE NO SNOW MAIDEN
WHAT'S THAT?
YOU CAN BE SO STUPID...
AH HA HA HA!
PEOPLE ALWAYS SAY THAT TO ME!
YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT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BO——OM
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO LOVE STRAIGHT-FORWARD GUYS!
IZUMI ASUKA'S TOKAGE OUJI!
ABSO-LUTELY!
WHAT-EVER IT TAKES!!
WITHOUT A DOUBT!
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO LOVE ANIMALS!
I get kinda shy when you look at me like that!
IZUMI ASUKA'S TOKAGE OUJI!
Izumi Asuka's Tokage Ouji now on sale!!
ALSO FOR THE MASOCHISTIC GUYS OUT THERE WHO LOVE GETTING BEATEN UP BY GIRLS!
SLAP!
IZUMI ASUKA'S TOKAGE OUJI!

HAS THE ICE...

MELTED?

PLEASE ACT LIKE TODAY NEVER HAPPENED.
SURE!

AND THE REMAINING SNOW...

AND SO, THIS YEAR'S SNOW STOPPED FALLING.

. WAITS FOR SPRING TO ARRIVE
Say!
WHEN THE ICE HAS MELTED CAN YOU MAKE YOUR CONFESSION OFFICIAL?
WHA—?
the END
Catch Tokage Oji next issue!